

TEXAS HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE COMMISSION

Meeting Agenda

Zoom Call
July 22, 2020
8:30 A.M.

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1. **Call to Order and Establish Quorum** – *Chair Aronoff*
2. **Appoint Recorder** – *Chair Aronoff*
3. **Welcome** – *Chair Aronoff*
4. **Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meetings**
 - 4.1 Regular Board Meeting – April 27, 2020
5. **Public Comment**

Members of the public may address the Commission concerning any matter within its authority. The Chair may limit the length of remarks from each individual.
6. **Executive Director’s Report** – *Joy Nathan*
 - 6.1 Update on Governor’s Budget Reduction Request
 - 6.2 Hiring an Administrative Assistant
7. **Committee Reports**
 - 7.1 **Budget Committee** – *Jeffrey Beck, Commissioner & Cheyanne Perkins, THGC Director of Programs*
 - 7.1.1 Update on current budget
 - 7.1.2 Grants update
 - 7.1.3 Approval of Summer 2020 THGC Non-Profit Grants including
 - 7.1.3.1 Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum Application: “Virtual Student Field Trip”
 - 7.1.3.2 El Paso Holocaust Museum and Study Application: “2020 Biennial Educators’ Conference: Tools for Teaching the Holocaust in Today’s Classroom”
 - 7.1.3.3 Holocaust Museum Houston Application: “Dismantling Bias: Antisemitism, White Supremacy, and Inequality”
 - 7.1.3.4 Holocaust Museum Houston Application: “Narrated Video Tours of the Holocaust Gallery, the Samuel Bak Gallery and Learning Center, and the Human Rights Gallery”
 - 7.1.3.5 Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio Application: “2021 Holocaust Remembrance Week Program”
 - 7.1.3.6 Holocaust Remembrance Association Application: “Holocaust Garden of Hope”
 - 7.1.3.7 Vedem Foundation Application: “Zines of Terezín”
 - 7.1.3.8 World Affairs Council of San Antonio Application: “Distinguished Speaker Series: Holocaust Panel Discussion”

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- 7.2 **Education and Policy Committee** – *David A. Patterson, PhD, Commissioner & J.E. Wolfson, PhD, THGC Director of Education*
 - 7.2.1 USHMM’s Guidelines for Teaching the Holocaust: Guideline 7: “Avoid Romanticizing History”
 - 7.2.2 How other Holocaust and genocide educational organizations and museums are adjusting to the current environment
 - 7.2.3 Additions to online resources
 - 7.2.4 Tentative plans for 2020 and 2021
 - 7.3 **Strategic Planning Committee** – *Sandra Lessig, Commissioner & Joy Nathan, THGC Executive Director*
 - 7.3.1 Recap of Strategic Retreat, including Best Practices in Governance Workshop and Visioning for the Future Workshop from the meetings on June 20 and 21
 - 7.3.2 Strategic Planning Outcomes and Implementation
 - 7.4 **Sunset Review Committee** – *Matthew Kornhauser, Commissioner & Christian Acevedo, THGC Director of Outreach & Communications*
 - 7.4.1 Update on Sunset Review
- 8. Project Updates** –*Cheyenne Perkins, THGC Director of Programs & Christian Acevedo, THGC Director of Outreach & Communications*
- 8.1 Updates on the Texas Liberator Exhibit displays during 2020 and 2021
 - 8.2 *Operation Texas* update
 - 8.3 Modern Genocides Project update
 - 8.4 THGC website additions and outreach update
 - 8.5 Yahad-in Unum *Holocaust by Bullets* budget update
- 9. Friends of the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission** – *Fran Berg, Commissioner*
- 9.1 Financial Report
Update on revenue collected and spent for THGC programming initiatives
 - 9.2 Activities
Update on fundraising and other miscellaneous efforts that support THGC programming
- 10. Adjourn** – *Chair Aronoff*

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